PRICE ONE CENT.

LAKE ERIE VESSEL **DESTROYED BY FIRE** AS BLIZZARD RAGES Alleged Exposure of Dr.

Two Dead, and Thirteen Last Seen Adrift in Open Boat.

SIX MEN RESCUED BY STEAMER HANNA

Anchor Line Freighter Burned to Water's Edge Near Ontario Shoals--Life-Savers Search.

anchor line freighter Clarion burned to the water's edge off tario, last night.

crew perished. Six members of the leading scientists are likely to be identicrew are in Cleveland.

left the ship in a steel life boat and have not been heard from.

by the steamer Hanna.

ATTEMPTED ESCAPE.

They attempted to leave the Clarion with one other man in a yawl. The yawl was swamped and six of them swam back to the Clarion. The seventh sank.

An hour afterward the Hanna came to the rescue.

Anchor line officials fear that Capt. E. J. Bell, of Ogdensburg, it is known that Prof. Stromgren will and the twelve men who left the be the chairman. There is much dis Clarlon with him on the steel life- appointment that the university authoric

MATE SUFFOCATED.

been learned, was suffocated shortafter fire broke out. He went into the hold to investigate. Captain Bell following, fifteen minutes later, found him dead in a companionway.

The six survivors brought to Cleveland were suffering severely from exposure. Physicians who attended them said that

1881. She was carrying package freight the "Map of the Heavens" as they and coal. The fire broke out shortly would be found by an ambitious ex-

WEATHER REPORT.

It will be colder tonight in the Atlantic States, with freezing temperature in northern Florida and frost to the 27th parallel in that State.

probable that scientis than a little attention of Miss Anna Peck, the cr. branding Dr. Fred orm warnings are displayed on the

Storm warnings are displayed on the Pacific coast.

The winds along the New England coast will be moderate westerly; on the Middle Atlantic coast, light to moderate west to northwest; on the South Atlantic coast, light northwesterly; on the East Gulf coast, light to moderate north to northeast.

Storm warnings are displayed on the colors and taker. In an address before a New audience last night Miss Peek said Cook's claims are absurd from a tife standpoint."

DEMOCRATS VOTE

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT. Fair, colder tonight; temperature about 19 degrees. Friday fair, continue cold; light northwesterly winds.

TEMPERATURE.

Tiday—High tide, 5.40 a. m., and 5.42 p. m. Low tide, 11:56 a. m. Tomorrow—High tide, 6:23 a. m. and 6:21 p. m. Low tide, 12:33 a. m. and 12:25 p. m.

CONDITION OF WATER. HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., Dec. 9.-Both rivers clear,

DENMARK STUNNED BY CLAIM OF FRAUD

Cook Creates Sensation In Copenhagen.

SEVEREST TEST FOR ALL RECORDS

Danes Have Confidence in Scientists Who Will Make Investigation.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 9 .- If Dr. Fredrick A. Cook's North Pole discovery records have been faked, according to the affidavit of Capt. August Wedel Loose and George H. Dunkle, an insur-CLEVELAND, Dec. 9.—The since agent, the Danish scientists will er the fraud when they examine his data.

This is about as far as the scientific Southeast Shoal, Point Pelee, On- authorities would go today in discussing the latest story from the United States seeking to discredit the claims of Dr. The first mate and one of the here, but owing to the fact that the Cook. The story caused a big sensation fied with the official investigation of the records, none would comment extensive The captain and twelve others ly on the merits of the new charges made against the doctor.

Fail Under Test. The scientists say that it would be The six men brought to Cleve- stand the test of a critical examinaimpossible to fake records that would land were taken off the burning boat tion, and for this reason they are not afraid of being duped.

Walter Lonsdale, secretary of Dr Cook, today transferred the records from the Danske Landmanns Bank, where they were placed for safe keeping overnight, to Chancellor Salmonsn of the University of Copenhagen. The transfer was made in the presence of United States Minister Egan, Prof. Elis Stromgren, head of the astronomical laboratory, and other prominent men.

Long Investigation.

The personnel of the investigating ties are delaying in the selection of the committee. They intimate that it may be several days before the committee The mate, whose name has not will be chosen, and that the investigation may take several weeks.

To guard against tampering with the records, a guard is constantly on hand, and wherever the iron box containing the data gues, the guard gues with it. Lonsdale insisted today that Dr. Cook is still in Bronxville, N. Y.

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Reiterate Story.

Physicians who attended them said that while exhausted, they would recover.

The Clarion was a wooden steamer, 240 feet long, 36 feet beam, and built in 1881. She was carrying package freight. after the Clarlon passed Amherstburg.
Ont., and in a few minutes the vessel was doomed.

At the time the fire broke out a gale was raging, the sea was running wiid, and icy waves swept the decks, while a selected records turned out for Copenana. In fact, the manner in hagen."

would be found by an ambitious explorer as he approached "ninety depoint of its ultimate object the taking over of the republic of Panama by the United States.

Not Yet Ready.

The Administration, of course, is not ready to show its hand in connection with the future which it is working out for Panama. In fact, the manner in hagen."

Rush, of Phoenixville, smashed his car MISS PECK'S CLAIM ATTRACTS ATTENTION

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 9 .- It seems than a little attention to the statements er, branding Dr. Frederick Cook as "a colossal faker."

FOR NEW LEADER

Senator Bacon of Georgia Will Probably Succeed Senator Culberson.

The Democratic Senators met at 1:30 this afternoon and held a caucus for the purpose of selecting a successor to Senator Culberson as minority leader. A caus for this purpose was held last Monday, but a question arose as to whether Senator Culberson had actually resigned. Since that time Senator Culberson has written Senator Money, making it clear he has resigned both the leadership and chairmanship of the caucus.

7 cancus.

It is expected that Senator Bacon or Georgia will be chosen as leader at the cancus this afternoon. Senator Money-can have the pilce if he desires it, but is understood not to want it.

Prominent at Rivers and Harbors Convention

H. M. COUDREY, Of Missouri.

JOSEPH E. RANSDELL,



State Department Will Soon Take First Step in Farreaching Policy.

By WALTER J. FAHY.

The State Department will, within of the office of United States minister to Panama, now held by Herbert G

recently resigned as civil governor of

his work over to a man who will act in the lual capacity of minister and civil governor, is but the first step in carrying out a policy, which, although

and icy waves swept the decks, while a blinding snowstorm was raging. This snowstorm prevented the vessel's signals of distress being seen by the life-peary controversy, he positively decease the season of the controversy and the controversy are positively deceased by the life-peary controversy, he positively decease the season of the controversy and the controversy are positively deceased by the life-peary controversy, he positively decease the season of the controversy and the controversy are positively deceased by the life-peary controversy, he positively deceased by the life-peary controversy. Peary controversy, he positively de-clined to state if that newspaper paid. The fact remains, however, that this

Young Man, Engaged to Be Married, Takes His Own Life.

J H. DAVIDSON.

After writing letters to his mother and the girl he expected to marry within a few months, Douglass Moore, twenty-four years old, a clerk in the store conducted by his father at Ninth and D

THROUGH HOSPITALS

H N. TEAL,

Together With St. Nicholas Girl He Makes an Inspection of City.

By SELENE ARMSTRONG.

by the steamer H. P. Bope, of the Wolvin line. The Bope dashed warning of the disaster to Cleveland by Wireless.

Telegraphs For Aid.

The tug James B. Hackett. of Amberstburg, and other ports near South east shocker of the Brooklyn doctor in his "disable to the pole," he today in horsest the state of the Brooklyn doctor in his "disable to the pole," he today in horsest man been been been thirty miles along the shore without, finding the burning boat. Then it put back, its crew overcome by exhausted to the control of the Cold.

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Postmaster General Hitch-

cock Gives Order to Investigate Matter.

CHAMP CLARK.

got on the trail of all Senators, Repre-

Mr. Hitchcock this afternoon instructed speaker of the morning, defended Speak er Cannon in the attack made upon him eral Travers to prepare a report on the yesterday by Albert Battinger, best meethed of putting an end to the aleged evil.

There sems to have been a misunder-standing, especially among members of Congress, as to what the possession a frank means. It entitles a man to send through the mails under his signature

Postoffice Flooded. that the City Postofice is practically floodded with a lot of "franked" stuff which should never have come to Washwhich should never have come to Washington through the mails without havat-arms of the House and Senate have been told by the City Postoffice to notify members of Congress the to nobeen told by the City Postoffice to notify members of Congress that they would have to pay \$18 or \$20 for the postage due on articles franked into Washington. In some instances the members have paid the amount asked. Others have paid the amount asked. Others have refused, and have had their property held by the Postoffice.

There are in the City Postoffice today several typewriters on which there is due postage varying from \$10 to \$15.

One member of Congress has recently violated the franking privilege to the extent of \$50.

Not only are such performances against the spirit and the letter of the law which creates the franking privilege, but it amounts to a great expense on the postal service. It comes, too, in an aggravated form, at a time when the Postmaster General is doing everything possible to make his department a self-supporting unit of the Government.

Mr. Hitchcock has felt all along the stated thimself as being opposed to an immediate issuance of bonds. He accused the President of using the "soft pedal."

Mr. Bettinger handled Speaker Cannon in gloveless fashion. He said the Speak-rad blocked the plans of the Rivers and Harbors Congress. This remark forught out considerable applause.

Mr. Crandall was the first speaker of the afternoon.

Railroads Inadequate.

"In many respects," Crandall said, "we have the best railroad system in the world, but one which has falled so completely to meet the needs of the country under normal conditions as to present the not uncommon picture of crops rotting at the railroad stations for want of cars to move them, and of treight blockades so great as to be a menace to business interests; of men high in railroad authority who have stated repeatedly that trying to post the accused the President of using the "soft pedal."

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SENATOR BURTON EVADES SUBJECT OF BOND ISSUE

Ohioan Makes Stirring Address Before Rivers and Harbors Congress.

SECRETARY NAGEL **FAVORS CHANGES**

Would Make Decided Improvements, Even Though Necessary To Borrow the Money.

Don't-Raise the sectional issue in advocating rivers and harbors improvements.

Don't-Attack the Rivers and Harbors Committee. These were the "don'ts" Senator

Burton of Ohio this morning laid down for the guidance of the delegates at the National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

Introduced as chairman of the National Waterways Commission, Senator Burton was accorded an ovation which lasted several minutes. He was forced to raise his hand before the audience quieted enough for him to speak.

BURTON PRAISED.

Senator Burton delivered what is said by his friends to have been one of the most masterful speeches of his career. Absolute attention greeted his remarks, with the exception of applauding, which followed a number of them. Toward the end of his address, when he intimated he had taken up too much of the convention's time, there were cries of "Don't stop; the ahead." The chairman of the Waterways Commission took the convention at its word, and laid down a couple more "don'ts."

Talks of Water Routes.

By this time he was talking of the matter of railway competition with water routes.

"Don't," he said, "attend a waterways convention on Saturday, as some one did not long ago, and, on Monday, contract with a railroad to do all your

"Don't keep up the bluff of running a boat line, when, in reality, you are running it subservient to a railroad

Although his address met with an en-thusiastic response, Senator Burton did get into the subject of a bond issue. Touches Subject.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.

Postmaster General Hitchcock today

Secretary of Commerce and Labor Charles Nagel, who preceded him, touched upon the subject but slightly. got on the trail of all Senators, Representatives, and other Government officials who have abused their privilege of sending matter through the mails free of charge.

Mr. Nager declared himself in later of big improvements being mapped out, and big appropriations asked for with which to conduct them. If the money should not be forthcoming from the native conduct them. Acting on the charge that the franking privilege has been abused with disastrous results for the postal service,

This is a service of the infavor of the issuance of bonds.

Frank Gates Allen, of Illinois, the first the views of President Taft that it would

adn free of charge mall matter to other Government officials or to the departments or to persons when the matter treated of is of public or official business. It also can be used on all public documents.

The speakers were W. F. Crandan, or St. Louis; Senator Chamberlain of Oregon; Albert Bettinger, of Ohlo; Governor Hadley, of Missouri; Representative John Dalzell of Fennsylvania; Representative Burgess of Texas, and Governor Hadley. The afternoon session yesterday de Most distinctly, however, it can not be used for the purpose of sending ernor Weeks, of Connecticut. Without through the mails the kitchen stove, the baby's cradle or the prize coupe.

exception, they put themselves on record as favoring Congress providing Postoffice Flooded.

It is said on high authority today and most of the speakers favored the

guments contained in the speech of President Taft, delivered at the morn-

ment a self-supporting unit of the Government.

Mr. Hitchcock has felt all along the only way in which he could accomplish the necessary economies was to do away with such extravagances as this abuse of the franking privilege.

Others Renew It.

Many Postmasters General have been alive to the burden this practice has been on the Treasury, but Mr. Hitchcock is the first one who has made any attempt to get to the bottom of it and produce a remedy.

menace to business interests; of men high in railroad authority who have stated repeatedly that trying to move the business offered them was like trying to force a two-inch stream through a one-inch nozzle; men who tell us that while the country's business has increased 110 per cent in a decade, transportation facilities have increased only 25 per cent, and who tell us that it would require \$5.000,000,000 to \$7.000,000,000 and five to seven years of time to bring railroad facilities up to the present need, with an assurance that after this expenditure of both time and money we shall, unless the country shall stop

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